

REMARKS

In the March 10, 2010 Notice of Allowance, claims 1, 4, 5, 14, 21, and 22 were allowed due to an Examiner's Amendment in which the limitations of claims 2 and 3 were incorporated into claim 1 and claims 2, 3, 8, and 11 were canceled.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the March 10, 2010 Notice of Allowance, Applicants have amended claim 1 to insert a typographical omission, namely that the second air conditioning monitoring and control device communicates with the air conditioner using a first communication protocol, from claim 2 that was not included in the Examiner's Amendment, to correct the dependency of claim 4, and for readability. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the examination of this application, and for his help in bringing prosecution to a close. Thus, claims 1, 4, 5, 14, 21, and 22 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

In accordance with MPEP §714.16, Applicant respectfully asserts that:

(A) the amendment is needed to correct the typographical omission, the dependency of claim 4, and for readability;

(B) since only the typographical omission, the dependency of claim 4, and the readability are being corrected and no other limitations are being added or deleted, no additional search or examination is required;

(C) since only the typographical omission, the dependency of claim 4, and the readability are being corrected and no other limitations are being added or deleted, the reasons for allowance outlined in the Notice of Allowance are still valid; and

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(D) since the amendment is being made upon review of the Examiner's Amendment,
Applicants were unable to make this amendment earlier.

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Entrance of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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